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SUBJECT: LOS - MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY FROM ARGENTINEAN
FOREIGN MINISTER

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY FROM
THE ARGENTINEAN FOREIGN MINISTER DATED AUGUST 21, 1976
IN RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF AUGUST 3. THIS
MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED BY THE ARGENTINEAN EMBASSY ON AUGUST
24, 1976.

2. BEGIN TEXT. QUOTE: MR. SECRETARY:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR NOTE,
FORWARDED TO ME BY YOUR CHARGE D'AFFAIRES IN BUENOS AIRES,
RELATED TO THE III UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE "LAW
OF THE SEA".

I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSOLIDATING
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THE PROGRESS ALREADY REACHED ON THE TOPICS SUCH AS THE

TERRITORIAL SEA, THE STRAITS AND THE ECONOMIC ZONE, TO WHICH WE MAY ADD THE CONTINENTAL SHELF, WHICH HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF SUPPORT WITHIN THE CONFERENCE. AS FOR THE PENDING ISSUES OF NEGOTIATION, OUR DELEGATION WILL COOPERATE WITH THAT OF YOUR COUNTRY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN POSITIVE RESULTS

THAT MAY CONTEMPLATE, AS BEST AS POSSIBLE, THE VARIOUS INTERESTS OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED IN THIS MATTER.

I ALSO AGREE WITH YOU THAT THESE ISSUES DESERVE THE PERSONAL ATTENTION OF THE HIGHEST RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN ORDER TO REACH FUNDAMENTAL DECISIONS. IN THAT RESPECT I WILL GLADLY RECEIVE THE SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU MAY CONSIDER USEFUL TO FORWARD TO ME DURING THE CONFERENCE AND, LIKEWISE, I WILL, IF NECESSARY, TRANSMIT TO YOU MY OWN POINTS OF VIEW.

MY GOVERNMENT IS CONVINCED OF THE NECESSITY OF OBTAINING AN INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT ON THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE CONFERENCE AS THE ONLY POSSIBILITY TO SUCCEED IN A RATIONAL UTILIZATION OF THE MARITIME AREAS AND AN EQUITABLE EXPLOITATION OF ITS RESOURCES. I ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL DEplete EVERY NECESSARY EFFORT TO ATTAIN THIS OBJECTIVE.

SINCERELY,

REAR ADMIRAL CESAR AUGUSTO GUZZETTI, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. END QUOTE

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